

## Synthesis of Fullerooxazoles: Novel Reactions of [60]Fullerene with Nitriles Promoted by Ferric Perchlorate

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The ferric perchlorate-mediated reactions of  $C_{60}$  with various nitriles in *o*-dichlorobenzene under nitrogen atmosphere afforded the rare fullerooxazoles, which would be difficult to prepare by other methods. A possible reaction mechanism for the formation of the fullerooxazoles was proposed.

Many chemical reactions have been discovered for the functionalizations of fullerenes to prepare various fullerene products,<sup>1</sup> which may have promising applications in life science and materials science. Diverse types of organic molecules have been utilized as starting materials in fullerene chemistry. For example, the reactions of [60]fullerene ( $C_{60}$ ) with various aldehyes<sup>2</sup> and ketones,<sup>2,3</sup> 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds such as malonate esters,<sup>3a,4</sup>  $\beta$ -keto esters,<sup>3,5</sup> and  $\beta$ -diketones,<sup>3,5,6</sup> and carboxylic acid derivatives such as carboxylic acids,<sup>7</sup> carboxylic anhydrides,<sup>7b</sup> and malonic acids<sup>7b</sup> give a diversity of fullerene products that incorporate with the desired different structural motifs. Although numerous reactants have been employed to the reactions with  $C_{60}$ , the reactions of nitriles with  $C_{60}$  have been seldom explored. Up to now, only a few works describing the reactions of  $C_{60}$  involving the cyano group were reported.<sup>3a,4b,c,8</sup> Bingel reported the reactions of bromomalononitrile and ethyl bromocyanoacetate with C<sub>60</sub> in the presence of a base to afford methanofullerenes.<sup>8a</sup> Jagerovic et al. realized the synthesis of a C<sub>60</sub>fused tetrahydrofuran derivative by thermal reaction of C<sub>60</sub> with tetracyanoethene oxide.8b We described the thermal reactions of 2-cyano-2-ethoxycarbonyl-3-aryloxiranes with  $C_{60}$  to give exclusively or predominantly cis isomers of C<sub>60</sub>-fused tetrahydrofuran derivatives.<sup>8c</sup> We also reported the reactions of C<sub>60</sub> with cyano-containing active methylene compounds to give methanofullerenes under solvent-free mechanical milling conditions in the presence of a base<sup>3a</sup> or mediated by  $Mn(OAc)_3$ . 3H<sub>2</sub>O,<sup>4b</sup> as well as to afford an unsymmetrical 1,4-adduct generated from the radical reaction promoted by  $Mn(OAc)_3 \cdot 3H_2O.^{4c}$  However, the direct reaction of C<sub>60</sub> with the unsaturated carbon-nitrogen triple bond moiety of nitriles has not been reported to date.

Although a large variety of fullerene reactions have been explored extensively over the past two decades, the reactions of C<sub>60</sub> promoted by metal salts are relatively scarce. Gan and co-workers reported the reactions of tert-butyl hydroperoxide with fullerenes catalyzed by metal salts such as Ru(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, FeCl<sub>3</sub>, Fe(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, and RuCl<sub>3</sub> to produce the first fullerene mixed peroxides C<sub>60</sub>(O)(OO'Bu)<sub>4</sub> and C<sub>70</sub>(OO'Bu)<sub>10</sub>.<sup>9a</sup> Shigemitsu et al. described the reactions of fullerene epoxides  $C_{60}O_n$  (n = 1, 2) with benzaldehyde derivatives in the presence of N-(1phenethyl)-2-cyanopyridinium hexafluoroantimonate to give fullerene acetals.9b Rubin and co-workers reported the synthesis of a novel compound with complete saturation of a single sixmembered ring on fullerene C<sub>60</sub> through a remarkable double 5-exo-trig addition of alkoxyl radicals promoted by Pb(OAc)<sub>4</sub>.<sup>9c</sup> Troshina et al. described the Pb(OAc)<sub>4</sub>-mediated oxidative coupling reactions of  $C_{60}$  with amino acid esters to obtain pyrrolidinofullerene derivatives.<sup>9d</sup> More recently, Itami's group reported the Ru-catalyzed arylation and alkenylation of  $C_{60}$  by organoboron compounds.<sup>9e</sup> Recently we have successfully applied Mn(OAc)<sub>3</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O to the reactions of C<sub>60</sub> for the first time.<sup>10</sup> We reported the Mn(OAc)<sub>3</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O-mediated reactions of C<sub>60</sub> with various active methylene compounds, aromatic

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methyl ketones,  $\beta$ -enamino carbonyl compounds, and carboxylic acid derivatives affording singly bonded fullerene dimers,<sup>4b</sup> 1,4adducts and 1,16-adduct of C<sub>60</sub>,<sup>4b,c</sup> C<sub>60</sub>-fused dihydrofuran derivatives,<sup>3b</sup> methanofullerenes,<sup>3b,4b</sup> C<sub>60</sub>-fused pyrroline derivatives,<sup>11</sup> and C<sub>60</sub>-fused lactone derivatives.<sup>7b</sup> Interestingly, Mn(OAc)<sub>3</sub>•2H<sub>2</sub>O could also be employed to transform the in situ generated ArC<sub>60</sub>-H into ArC<sub>60</sub>-OAc in a one-pot procedure.<sup>12</sup> We also investigated the Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub>•H<sub>2</sub>O-mediated reactions of C<sub>60</sub> with ketonic compounds to afford the methanofullerenes and C<sub>60</sub>-fused dihydrofuran derivatives.<sup>3b</sup>

In efforts to extend the reactions of C<sub>60</sub> promoted by metal salts, we were determined to explore more metal oxidantmediated reactions of C<sub>60</sub>. To the best of our knowledge, the Fe(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>•6H<sub>2</sub>O-mediated reaction of C<sub>60</sub> has not been reported until today. In continuation of our interest in fullerene chemesitry,<sup>2b,3,4b,c,8c,10–13</sup> herein we describe the Fe(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>•6H<sub>2</sub>Opromoted reactions of C<sub>60</sub> with various nitriles to afford the scarce fullerooxazoles.

4-Tolunitrile (1a) was first chosen to react with  $C_{60}$  in the presence of  $Fe(ClO_4)_3 \cdot 6H_2O$ . At the onset, the mixture of Fe(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O (0.25 mmol) and 4-tolunitrile (5 mmol) was first dissolved in a chosen polar solvent (1 mL) such as dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) or N,N-dimethylformamide (DMF), then an o-dichlorobenzene (ODCB, 6 mL) solution of C<sub>60</sub> (0.05 mmol) was added. The resulting solution was heated with vigorous stirring in an oil bath preset at 120 °C under nitrogen atmosphere for 5 h. To our disappointment, no obvious reaction was observed even in the presence of a large excess of 4-tolunitrile or by raising the reaction temperature and extending the reaction time. To successfully realize the Fe(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O-mediated reaction of C<sub>60</sub> with 4-tolunitrile, various reaction conditions have been examined. To our delight, the reaction was found to proceed well and gave fullerooxazole 2a in 22% yield when the mixture of  $Fe(ClO_4)_3 \cdot 6H_2O$  and 4-tolunitrile (1:100) was directly melted in an oil bath preset at 120 °C under nitrogen atmosphere, followed by the addition of the ODCB solution of C<sub>60</sub>, and then the reaction mixture was heated with vigorous stirring under protection of nitrogen at 120 °C (entry 1, Table 1). Decreasing or increasing the reaction temperature did not improve the yield of product **2a** (entries 2 and 3, Table 1). Other reaction conditions for the reaction of C<sub>60</sub> with 4-tolunitrile giving fullerooxazole 2a were also examined. These results are summarized Table 1. No benefit to the yield of product 2a could be achieved by variation of the amount of 4-tolunitrile (entries 4 and 5, Table 1). Similar results were obtained by increasing the amount of  $Fe(ClO_4)_3 \cdot 6H_2O$  to 2 equiv (entries 6-8, Table 1). However, the reaction became much faster and thus easily out of control. Therefore, the reagent molar ratio of  $C_{60}$ :

TABLE 1. Yields and Reaction Conditions for the Fe(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O (FEP)-Mediated Reaction of  $C_{60}$  with 4-Tolunitrile 1a



molar ratio [C <sub>60</sub> :FEP: <b>1</b> ]	reaction temp (°C)	reaction time (min)	yield of <b>2a</b> (%)	recovered C <sub>60</sub> (%)
1:1:100	120	15	22	51
1:1:100	100	30	19	66
1:1:100	140	5	19	53
1:1:50	120	10	14	53
1:1:200	120	30	19	68
1:2:50	120	5	19	41
1:2:100	120	5	23	54
1:2:200	120	8	23	47
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SCHEME 1. Fe(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O-Mediated Reactions of  $C_{60}$  with Nitriles 1a-h



**1a**, **2a**:  $R = 4-CH_3-Ph$ ; **1b**, **2b**: R = Ph; **1c**, **2c**:  $R = 4-CH_3O-Ph$ ; **1d**, **2d**:  $R = 3,4-(CH_3O)_2-Ph$ ; **1e**, **2e**: R = 4-Br-Ph; **1f**, **2f**:  $R = 4-NO_2-Ph$ ; **1g**, **2g**:  $R = PhCH_2$ ; **1h**, **2h**:  $R = EtO_2CCH_2$ 

 $Fe(ClO_4)_3 \cdot 6H_2O:1a$  as 1:1:100 and the reaction temperature as 120 °C were chosen as the optimized reaction conditions.

With the optimized conditions in hand, this reaction was extended to other nitriles such as benzonitrile (1b), 4-methoxybenzonitrile (1c), 3,4-dimethoxybenzonitrile (1d), 4-bromobenzonitrile (1e), 4-nitrobenzonitrile (1f), phenylacetonitrile (1g), and ethyl cyanoacetate (1h), giving fullerooxazole derivatives 2b,<sup>14</sup> 2c,<sup>14</sup> 2d, 2e,<sup>14</sup> 2f, 2g, and 2h, respectively (Scheme 1).

The reaction conditions and yields for the  $Fe(ClO_4)_3 \cdot 6H_2O$ promoted reactions of  $C_{60}$  with nitriles **1a**-**h** under nitrogen atmospheric conditions are summarized in Table 2.

As can be seen from Table 2, aromatic nitriles bearing either electron-withdrawing groups or electron-donating groups (1a-f) as well as aliphatic nitriles (1g and 1h) could be successfully utilized to prepare fullerooxazoles. All of the examined nitriles 1a-h gave fullerooxazoles 2a-h in moderate to good yields, ranging from 41% to 84% based on consumed  $C_{60}$ . In the case of 1e and 1f, the prior addition of some amount of ODCB (1 mL) before the addition of C<sub>60</sub> (dissolved in 6 mL of ODCB) to the molten mixture of  $Fe(ClO_4)_3 \cdot 6H_2O$  with 1e or 1f successfully avoided the resolidification of the molten mixture because of higher melting points of nitriles 1e and 1f than other nitriles. It should be noted that for the reaction of C<sub>60</sub> with ethyl cyanoacetate 1h, some unknown byproducts were obtained besides the predominant product 2h. Surprisingly, acetonitrile, the simplest aliphatic nitrile, did not react with C<sub>60</sub> under the same conditions.

Products **2b**, <sup>14</sup> **2c**, <sup>14</sup> and **2e**<sup>14</sup> are known compounds, and their identities were confirmed by comparison of their spectral data with those reported in the literature. New compounds **2a**, **2d**, **2f**, **2g**, and **2h** were unambiguously characterized by their MS, <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, FT-IR, and UV–vis spectra. All of the MALDI FT-ICR mass spectra of these fullerooxazole products

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TABLE 2. Reaction Temperatures, Reaction Times, and Yields of Fullerooxazoles 2a-h and Recovered  $C_{60}^{a}$ 

nitrile 1	reaction temperature (°C)	reaction time (min)	yield of $2^b$	recovered C <sub>60</sub>
	120	15	45%	51%
CN 1b	120	10	58%	64%
	120	10	45%	62%
	120	20	84%	81%
Br-CN 1e	120	40 <sup>c</sup>	42%	67%
	150	$40^c$	75%	88%
	120	15	56%	75%
CN CO <sub>2</sub> Et 1h	120	20	41%	51%

<sup>*a*</sup> Molar ratio of C<sub>60</sub>:Fe(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O:nitrile **1** = 1:1:100. <sup>*b*</sup> Yield based on consumed C<sub>60</sub>. <sup>*c*</sup> After the mixture of Fe(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O with **1e** or **1f** was melted, ODCB (1 mL) was added at the molten temperature (above 140 °C for **1e** and above 170 °C for **1f**), followed by addition of the ODCB (6 mL) solution of C<sub>60</sub> at the reaction temperature.

gave the correct molecular ion peaks. In the <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of compounds **2a**, **2d**, **2f**, **2g**, and **2h**, the peak for the C=N carbon appeared at 163.77–167.66 ppm, and the two sp<sup>3</sup>carbons of the C<sub>60</sub> skeleton were located at 97.02–97.83 and 91.42–91.99 ppm, close to those of other fullerene derivatives, of which the oxygen atom<sup>2b,7b,13d</sup> and nitrogen atom<sup>11</sup> are connected to the C<sub>60</sub> skeleton, respectively. No more than 29 peaks including some overlapped ones for the 58 sp<sup>2</sup>-carbons of the C<sub>60</sub> moiety were observed in the range of 135.60–148.94 ppm, consistent with the C<sub>s</sub> symmetry of their molecular structures. The IR spectra of **2a**, **2d**, **2f**, **2g**, and **2h** showed absorptions at 1638–1663 cm<sup>-1</sup> due to the C=N group. Their UV–vis spectra exhibited a peak at 413–416 nm, which is a diagnostic absorption for the 1,2-adduct of C<sub>60</sub>, to which the oxygen atom is directly attached.<sup>7b</sup>

Fullerooxazoles were previously prepared by two steps, that is, photochemical reactions of  $C_{60}$  with arylazides<sup>14</sup> or thermal reactions with azidoformates and hydroxamic acid derivatives,<sup>15</sup> followed by rearrangement of the formed fulleroaziridines to fullerooxazoles. Our current one-step approach to the synthesis of fullerooxazoles from cheap and easily available nitriles and Fe(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>•6H<sub>2</sub>O is obviously more straightforward and practical than the previous protocols.<sup>14,15</sup>

On the basis of the previously suggested mechanisms for the radical reactions of  $C_{60}$  promoted by  $Mn(OAc)_3 \cdot 2H_2O^{3b,5b,11}$  and  $Cu(OAc)_2 \cdot H_2O$ ,<sup>3b</sup> together with the reaction mechanism for the ferric perchlorate-mediated oxidative additions<sup>16</sup> of

SCHEME 2. Proposed Reaction Mechanism for the Formation of Fullerooxazoles



olefins with substituted diethyl  $\alpha$ -benzylmalonates or diethyl (pyridylmethy1)malonates, we propose a possible reaction mechanism for the formation of fullerooxazoles 2a-h from the Fe(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O-mediated reactions of  $C_{60}$  with nitriles **1a**-**h**, as shown in Scheme 2. The additions of nucleophiles including water to metal-activated organonitriles have been reported.<sup>17</sup> Similarly, nitrile 1 reacts with one molecule of  $H_2O$  in the presence of  $Fe(ClO_4)_3 \cdot 6H_2O$  to generate Fe(III)-complex 3, which is consistent with the reddening of the molten mixtures from nitriles and  $Fe(ClO_4)_3 \cdot 6H_2O$ , indicating the formation of complexes between Fe(III) and nitriles.<sup>16b</sup> Homolytical addition of 3 to C<sub>60</sub> produces fullerenyl radical 4, followed by coordination with another molecule of Fe(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O to generate Fe(III)-complex 5 and subsequent intramolecular cyclization with the loss of Fe(II) species to afford fullerooxazole derivatives  $2\mathbf{a}-\mathbf{h}$ . Alternatively, fullerenyl radical 4 could be oxidized to the corresponding fullerenyl cation, followed by cyclization with the loss of  $H^+$  to give the fullerooxazole derivatives. The addition of water to nitrile 1 affording intermediate 3 would be facilitated with an electron-withdrawing R group. This proposed reaction mechanism could reasonably explain the failed reaction with acetonitrile due to the electron-donating property of the methyl group.

In summary,  $Fe(ClO_4)_3 \cdot 6H_2O$  has been successfully utilized in the free radical reactions of  $C_{60}$  for the first time. The reactions of  $C_{60}$  with nitriles in the presence of  $Fe(ClO_4)_3 \cdot 6H_2O$  afforded the scarce fullerooxazole derivatives.<sup>18</sup> The direct melting of nitriles and  $Fe(ClO_4)_3 \cdot 6H_2O$  proved to be crucial for the successful realization of the reaction. The current method provided a facile one-step route for the synthesis of fullerooxazoles. A plausible reaction mechanism for the formation of fullerooxazoles was proposed.

## **Experimental Section**

**Preparation of Fullerooxazoles 2a–h.** A mixture of nitrile **1a** (**1b**, **1c**, **1d**, **1e**, **1f**, **1g**, or **1h**, 5 mmol) and ferric perchlorate hexahydrate (23.0 mg, 0.05 mmol) was melted in an oil bath preset at 120 °C in a 50-mL round-bottomed flask equipped with a reflux condenser, nitrogen inlet and outlet, and a magnetic stirrer, then  $C_{60}$  (36.0 mg, 0.05 mmol, dissolved in 7 mL of *o*-dichlorobenzene) was added and the resulting solution was heated with vigorous stirring at 120 °C under nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction was monitored by TLC and stopped at the designated time. The reaction

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mixture was passed through a silica gel plug to remove any insoluble material. After the solvent was evaporated in vacuo, the residue was separated on a silica gel column with carbon disulfide/ toluene as the eluent to give unreacted  $C_{60}$  and fullerooxazole.

**2a:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CS<sub>2</sub>/CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.37 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.57 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CS<sub>2</sub>/CDCl<sub>3</sub> with Cr(acac)<sub>3</sub> as relaxation reagent) (all 2C unless indicated)  $\delta$  165.38 (1C), 147.82 (1C), 147.66, 147.41 (1C), 146.00, 145.98, 145.86, 145.70, 145.65, 145.38, 145.22, 145.09, 144.83, 144.72, 144.45, 144.19, 143.88, 143.30, 142.75 (1C, aryl *C*), 142.39, 142.36, 142.29, 141.95 (4C), 141.87, 141.73, 141.61, 141.58, 140.01, 139.22, 137.51, 135.88, 129.22 (aryl *C*), 128.97 (aryl *C*), 123.66 (1C, aryl *C*), 97.02 (1C, sp<sup>3</sup>-*C* of C<sub>60</sub>), 91.77 (1C, sp<sup>3</sup>-*C* of C<sub>60</sub>), 21.62 (1C); FT-IR  $\nu$ /cm<sup>-1</sup> (KBr) 2919, 2850, 1639, 1510, 1427, 1321, 1179, 1141, 1087, 1023, 983, 932, 824, 720, 660, 603, 562, 525; UV-vis (CHCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\lambda_{max}$ /nm (log  $\epsilon$ ) 257 (5.17), 315 (4.68), 414 (3.55), 687 (2.42); MALDI FT-ICR MS *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>68</sub>H<sub>7</sub>NO [M<sup>-</sup>] 853.05276, found 853.05277.

**2d:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CS<sub>2</sub>/CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 7.99 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (s, 3H), 3.99 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CS<sub>2</sub>/CDCl<sub>3</sub> with Cr(acac)<sub>3</sub> as relaxation reagent) (all 2C unless indicated)  $\delta$  164.99 (1C), 152.61 (1C, aryl C), 148.94 (1C), 147.98, 147.94 (1C), 147.53 (1C), 146.13, 146.10, 145.98, 145.83, 145.78, 145.49, 145.31, 145.21, 144.96, 144.84, 144.57, 144.34, 144.02, 143.54, 142.53, 142.50, 142.43, 142.11 (4C), 142.01, 141.86, 141.75 (4C), 140.17, 139.34, 137.64, 135.93, 122.87 (1C, aryl C), 119.10 (1C, aryl C), 111.66 (1C, aryl C), 110.69 (1C, aryl C), 97.15 (1C, sp<sup>3</sup>-C of C<sub>60</sub>), 91.94 (1C, sp<sup>3</sup>-C of C<sub>60</sub>), 55.71 (1C), 55.62 (1C); FT-IR v/cm<sup>-1</sup> (KBr) 2924, 2850, 1638, 1512, 1458, 1423, 1315, 1272, 1227, 1177, 1139, 1092, 1025, 986, 938, 871, 810, 770, 705, 569, 526; UV-vis (CHCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$ /nm (log  $\epsilon$ ) 257 (5.11), 314 (4.74), 413 (3.62), 682 (2.42); MALDI FT-ICR MS m/z calcd for C69H9NO3 [M-] 899.05824, found 899.05574.

**2f:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CS<sub>2</sub>/CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.66 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 8.48 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CS<sub>2</sub>/CDCl<sub>3</sub> with Cr(acac)<sub>3</sub> as relaxation reagent) (all 2C unless indicated)  $\delta$  163.77 (1C), 150.03 (1C, aryl C), 148.08 (1C), 147.66 (1C), 146.96, 146.28 (4C), 146.14, 145.98, 145.93, 145.69, 145.27, 145.19, 145.10, 145.00, 144.45, 144.38, 144.07, 142.83 (1C, aryl C), 142.69, 142.62 (6C), 142.20, 142.11, 142.06, 141.99, 141.85, 141.71, 140.36, 139.55, 137.64, 136.06, 130.06 (aryl C), 123.75 (aryl C), 97.83 (1C, sp<sup>3</sup>-C of C<sub>60</sub>), 91.99 (1C, sp<sup>3</sup>-C of C<sub>60</sub>); FT-IR  $\nu/cm^{-1}$  (KBr) 2920, 2851, 1645, 1598, 1522, 1461, 1430, 1345, 1320, 1090,

1020, 982, 929, 864, 850, 702, 526; UV-vis (CHCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\lambda_{max}$ /nm (log  $\epsilon$ ) 255 (5.05), 316 (4.65), 416 (3.51), 689 (2.27); MALDI FT-ICR MS *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>67</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M<sup>-</sup>] 884.02219, found 884.02167.

**2g:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CS<sub>2</sub>/CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.61 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CS<sub>2</sub>/CDCl<sub>3</sub> with Cr(acac)<sub>3</sub> as relaxation reagent) (all 2C unless indicated)  $\delta$  167.66 (1C), 147.68 (1C), 147.28, 145.86 (5C), 145.74, 145.58, 145.54, 145.26, 145.03, 144.95, 144.71, 144.60, 144.26, 144.05, 143.74, 142.88, 142.28, 142.24, 142.17, 141.84, 141.75 (4C), 141.59, 141.48, 141.42, 139.90, 139.11, 137.22, 135.60, 133.82 (1C, aryl *C*), 128.80 (aryl *C*), 128.58 (aryl *C*), 127.14 (1C, aryl *C*), 97.09 (1C, sp<sup>3</sup>-*C* of C<sub>60</sub>), 91.48 (1C, sp<sup>3</sup>-*C* of C<sub>60</sub>), 34.82 (1C); FT-IR  $\nu$ /cm<sup>-1</sup> (KBr) 2922, 2852, 1658, 1493, 1452, 1425, 1267, 1213, 1178, 1131, 1060, 980, 937, 721, 695, 600, 574, 526; UV-vis (CHCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\lambda_{max}$ /nm (log  $\epsilon$ ) 256 (5.05), 316 (4.56), 414 (3.47), 683 (2.38); MALDI FT-ICR MS *m*/z calcd for C<sub>68</sub>H<sub>7</sub>NO [M<sup>-</sup>] 853.05276, found 853.05298.

**2h:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CS<sub>2</sub>/CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.38 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.98 (s, 2H), 1.44 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CS<sub>2</sub>/CDCl<sub>3</sub> with Cr(acac)<sub>3</sub> as relaxation reagent) (all 2C unless indicated)  $\delta$  165.64 (1C), 163.12 (1C), 147.78 (1C), 147.37 (1C), 146.94, 145.97 (4C), 145.85, 145.68, 145.63, 145.38, 145.06, 145.03, 144.81, 144.71, 144.31, 144.12, 143.82, 142.65, 142.38, 142.33, 142.27, 141.94, 141.84, 141.81, 141.69, 141.56, 141.49, 139.99, 139.23, 137.34, 135.76, 97.42 (1C, sp<sup>3</sup>-*C* of C<sub>60</sub>), 91.42 (1C, sp<sup>3</sup>-*C* of C<sub>60</sub>), 61.59 (1C), 34.82 (1C), 14.11 (1C); FT-IR  $\nu$ /cm<sup>-1</sup> (KBr) 2922, 2852, 1744, 1663, 1550, 1532, 1462, 1433, 1369, 1269, 1183, 1031, 982, 942, 605, 527; UV-vis (CHCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\lambda_{max}$ / nm (log  $\epsilon$ ) 255 (5.09), 316 (4.61), 414 (3.63), 687 (2.46); MALDI FT-ICR MS *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>65</sub>H<sub>7</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M<sup>-</sup>] 849.04259, found 849.04247.

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